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In re Patent Application of:
Tetsuya MURAKAMI et al.

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For: ELECTRIC POWER STEERING APPARATUS

Examiner: T. H. Winner

LETTER IN RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S REFUSAL TO CONSIDER IDS AND
STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

An IDS was filed in the above case on August 15, 2006. In a paper mailed September 6, 2006, it was indicated that the IDS was not considered because it lacked the required statement under 1.97(e) and the fee required by 1.17(p). It is respectfully submitted that the IDS was submitted with the required statement under 1.97(e) and with the required fee. It is therefore respectfully requested that the examiner consider the references listed on the form SB-08 filed with that IDS and return an initialed copy of the form SB-08 to Applicant to show that those references were considered.

Applicant's representative discussed this issue with Examiner Tony Winner during a telephone interview on September 14, 2006. The examiner agreed that the August 15, 2006, IDS was proper and also agreed to consider the references identified in that IDS and take appropriate further action after the references were considered.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present

application, the examiner is respectfully requested to contact Scott Wakeman (Reg. No. 37,750) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct further interview in an effort to resolve such matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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